

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Appl. No. : 10/701,262  
Applicant : Matthew J. Birdsall  
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Examiner : Carlos A. Azpuru  
Docket No. : 53233-00001  
Customer No. : 48,423  
Title : Metallic Composite Coating for Delivery of Therapeutic  
Agents from the Surface of Implantable Devices

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**AMENDMENT AND REMARKS**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The Applicants submit the following Amendment in response to a telephone interview with Examiner Carlos Azpuru on August 24, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

An amended Form 1449 from the Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 22, 2005 is attached to this response.